multi-purpose photo identity cards throughout the country is likely to take not less than five years.

Rajasthan Government's proposal for operation blackboard

1334. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan had submitted any proposal for IVth phase of operation blackboard programme to the Central Government in November, 1990;

(b) if so, by when the proposals are likely to be cleared to enable the State Government to call meeting of State Level Empowered Committee for finalising the project proposals; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has already been sanctioned.

(c) The question does not arise.

Anomaly in the application of Third Pay Commission's recommendation in fixation of pay scales of Laboratory Technicians

1335. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the laboratory technicians employed in the medical institutions under Delhi Administration have been fighting for the last 14 years against the injustice being done to them in the matter of application of the recommendations of Third Pay Commission with regard to their placement in the appropriate scale of pay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The question regarding anomalies in the pay scale of certain categories of para-medical staff including laboratory technicians of Delhi Administration was taken up by the Administration in 1987. The matter was considered by a Committee constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the same year. While the Committee made recommendations about the pay scales of Pharmacists, it observed that the cases of other staff, including laboratory, technicians, do not involve any anomaly which is within is purview. However, Delhi Administration have again taken up the case.

Inspection of food of VVIPs by Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi

1336. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the functions of the VVIPs that Food Inspectors of the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi are deputed to check the vegetarian and non-vegetarian food articles including meat and meat products for adulteration and instant poisoning by conducting organoleptic tests; and

(b) if so, the number of such duties performed by the Food Inspectors, with place of duties for the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.